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TODAY'S WEATHER: Light variable or south winds; fair.
1 p.m. Observations: Temperature, 81.6 deg. F. Dew point, 50 deg. F. Relative humidity, 75%. Wind direction, East by North. Wind force, 2 knots.
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New Chief of Staff For Far East Land Forces

London, July 20.—Brigadier J. M. Kirkman, former chief of staff for Palestine and Transjordan, has been appointed chief of staff for the Far East land forces at Singapore, the War Office announced tonight.

Brigadier Kirkman, who will hold the temporary rank of Major-General in his new assignment, will succeed Major-General H. Redman, who will become Director of military operations for the War Office.

Brigadier Kirkman is 50 years old. He served on the Western front in World War I.

He was Deputy Director of Military Intelligence at the War Office from January, 1942 to May, 1944.

In April 1945 he landed in Greece with the British liberation army. He was appointed to the Palestine Transjordan post in May, 1947 and held it until the recent withdrawal of British from the area.—Associated Press.

Spitfires Again Sweep Into Action Against Malayan Insurgents

Singapore, July 20.—Royal Air Force Spitfires and Dakotas swept into action at Malayan trouble centres today, shooting up insurgents and dropping troop reinforcements, arms and ammunition to anti-guerilla columns in various parts of the peninsula.

Rocket-throwing Spitfires made day-long attacks against gueillas in the Gua Musang area, Kelantan State, where a British major and six Malay soldiers were killed in an

State Control In Ceylon

Colombo, July 20.—The Ceylon Government plans to nationalise "certain basic industries" such as power, steel and cement, Mr. J. R. Jayawardene, Minister of Finance, said tonight.

In his first "Dominion" budget speech since Britain handed over power last February, he told the House of Representatives that the Government would welcome private capital, both local and foreign, in non-basic industries provided the most modern methods were used in development.

He deplored, however, that 90 percent of Ceylon's trade was in the hands of foreigners, and said the Commerce Ministry was seeking to bring it back into "the hands" of Ceylonese.

Agricultural and industrial development would be undertaken on a wide scale to bring about a more balanced economy, the Finance Minister said.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

Problem Of Restrictions

AMONG the postwar factors which are today holding back the full expansion of world trade, import and similar restrictions are exerting a noticeable influence in most parts of the globe. In many countries they are comparatively minor matters in comparison with shortages of raw materials, labour, foreign exchange, capital equipment and the pressing need of reaching a balance on national and overseas accounts. But they are factors which, although familiar before 1939, have grown much more important because of postwar economic difficulties. British policy and attitude regarding these factors are not without significance. So far as Britain is concerned she has her own tight import restrictions, and without them the fight for equilibrium on a seriously overbalanced trade and financial account would be hopelessly lost. Britain is therefore, in a position fully to appreciate the like problems of other countries some of which have even greater difficulties to overcome. But while Britain, for self protection, has been forced to effect a number of import restrictions which naturally have tended to interfere with her overseas trade, constantly, as witness the recent trade pacts, has also been striving hard to raise the volume of mutual trade wherever possible. Additionally her import policy has been changing to meet varying needs and situations—where it has been advisable to reduce restrictions they have been reduced, and vice versa. And that foreign supplies of branded goods and special products would not lose the connection with them they had built up in better times, Britain led the world in introducing a token imports scheme which has helped foreign firms to

NEW APPROACH TO RUSSIA BY WESTERN POWERS

Aim Is To Bring About Four-Power Talks

MR BEVIN'S MEMORANDUM

London, July 20.—A broad new approach to Russia by the three Western powers, leading up to four-power talks on Germany, has been agreed on by the five Western Union powers meeting at The Hague, it was understood today. The policy is subject to confirmation by the United States and Military Government authorities in Berlin.

The military bonds between the Western Allies grew tighter today as authoritative Washington sources disclosed that the United States and Canada had decided to join Western Europe in common defence planning.

The reported North American decision to join the Western Union Military Committee follows a fortnight's talks in Washington between European, American and Canadian representatives.

At The Hague, the five Western Union Foreign Ministers wound up their two-day conference today. The Foreign Ministers this morning discussed a new approach to Moscow on the Berlin crisis, paving the way for Big Four talks, Hague observers believed. They met again this afternoon before returning to their capitals tonight.

The Foreign Ministers were thought to have agreed on the next step in Berlin during two and a half hours' restricted session this morning.

GUERRILLAS WITHDRAWN

The guerrillas were today reported to have withdrawn to the village of Bertam, 35 miles to the north.

The military authorities reported today that two British artillerymen had deserted at Tampin, about 60 miles south of Kuala Lumpur, driving off in a jeep and taking Sten guns.

Two terrorists today shot dead a Chinese schoolmaster in broad daylight eight miles south of Kuala Lumpur. They fired over the heads of children as the teacher, a Kuomintang supporter, tried to flee.

A "mystery" girl was among 20 Chinese arrested for taking part in the attack on the Batu Arang coal mine, near the Federal capital, on July 12. She is alleged to have walked into a railway station and picked up a first-aid kit after the raid.

The Communist-led Australian Seamen's Union will boycott any move to send arms to Malaya from Australia, Mr. E. V. Elliot, the Federal Secretary of the Union, announced in Sydney.—Reuter.

Ship's Officer Attacked

London, July 20.—Captain Scott, master of the 5,180-ton British freighter, Hellenic Trader, six days out from Middlesbrough on a voyage to Sierra Leone, radioed this message to Reuter today after reports of a marline-spike attack on Chief Officer G. Hammill of South Shields, by the Chinese crew:

SS Hellenic Trader (by radio), July 20.—"The position on board is now quiet. I have had a talk with the Chinese crew leader, but I am not quite satisfied with the result."

"No deviation will be made from the intended voyage to West Africa for ore."

"The Chief Officer's wound bled for 12 hours, but he is now all right, and there is no cause for alarm. He reports that when the crew made the attack in the forward well deck, their actions were of a crazed nature, supporting the rumour that the leader is an opium smoker."

"I spoke about this to the leader. He admits smoking in the past, but says he does not smoke now. There is a small element of the bad-type Chinese aboard!"—Reuter.

MINE EXPLOSION

McCurtain, Oklahoma, July 20.—One miner was killed and another missing when an explosion and fire swept the Lone Star Coal mine here today.

Nineteen others escaped safely.—Associated Press.

Prelude To Death



Two policemen grapple with man in the union bus terminal in Norfolk, Va., shortly before one of them shot him to death. Patrolman J. P. Bordeaux (left) strikes at the head of the man while Patrolman M. D. Edwards grasps him from behind. Three blows to the head failed to stop Howell, who jerked loose. Edwards then shot him fatally. Edwards quoted the man as saying, "you'll have to kill me first" when told to put down a knife. —AP Picture.

France Seeking New Premier

Paris, July 20.—Communists proposed today that their leader, Maurice Thorez, be designated the new French Premier to head a Coalition Government of Socialists and Communists.

M. Thorez was the first majority party leader to call on President Vincent Auriol, who is searching for a new Premier. France's middle of the road Government, headed by Robert Schuman, toppled last night after a dispute over the Army's budget.

There was no immediate prospect of M. Thorez being invited to share in the Government. He called on President Auriol first because the Communist Party has the largest representation in the National Assembly. They were not represented in the last Cabinet.

Following Thorez was Andre Collin, Secretary General of the Popular Republic (MRP) Group. M. Schuman is a member of the MRP and many believed he will be called upon to form a new Cabinet.

Socialists also called upon President Auriol. They, like the MRP, were represented in the Schuman Cabinet. Guy Mollet, Charles Lussy and Alex

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New Soviet Restriction

Berlin, July 20.—The Russians, for the first time, today demanded Soviet visas before allowing American vehicles leaving Berlin to cross the Soviet Zone.

The Soviets had announced this regulation two weeks ago, but today was the first time they enforced it. They have not yet announced where Soviet visas are available.

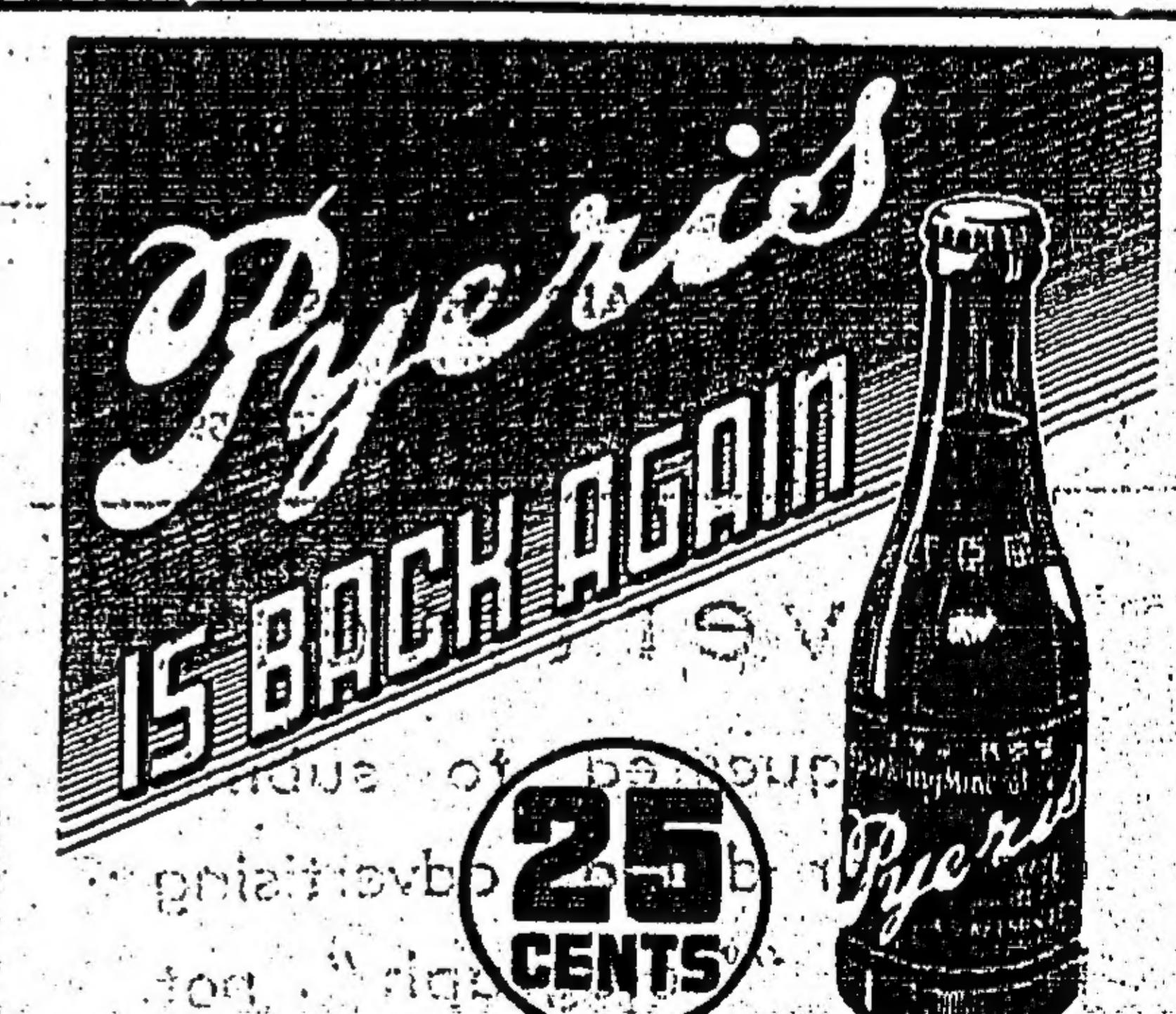
American officials said that American cars leaving Berlin today were allowed to cross into the Soviet Zone but were not allowed out at the Helmstedt end because they carried no visas. They were forced to return to Berlin.—United Press.

Smuggled Rubber Shoes Seized

Manila, July 21.—The Commissioner of Customs has ordered the seizure of 120 baskets manifested as containing earthenware—which arrived July 17 aboard the SS Vivid from Hongkong—following the discovery of rubber shoes in some of the baskets.

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Interesting Facts On Fats

Be Sure to Use the Right Kind When Cooking

THE Chef and I were shopping in a large city market. Standing at the beef counter was a woman buying ten pounds of beef fat. This unusual purchase piqued my curiosity, so I asked the shopper what she planned to do with the fat.

"I am going to render it," she explained, "then mix it with the quantity of lard for cooking."

"Do you run a restaurant?" I asked.

"No, I am going to pack it in cans and send it to friends who have no fat to use. Lard is the most inexpensive prepared fat on the market—and if I mix it with this beef fat, which costs very little, I can afford to send a larger quantity."

When we returned to the test kitchen, the Chef remarked: "That woman in the market made a very smart purchase. You know, Madame, the secret of the wonderful flavor of real French fried potatoes, the veal cutlet and croquettes, the blending of lard and rendered beef fat used in the frying. This combination of fats is used by Chefs the world over."

"The reason for the fine flavor," I remarked, "is the faint meat taste that comes from the combined fats. However, for shortening biscuits, breads, cookies and cakes, lard, which has almost no flavor at all, is used by itself."

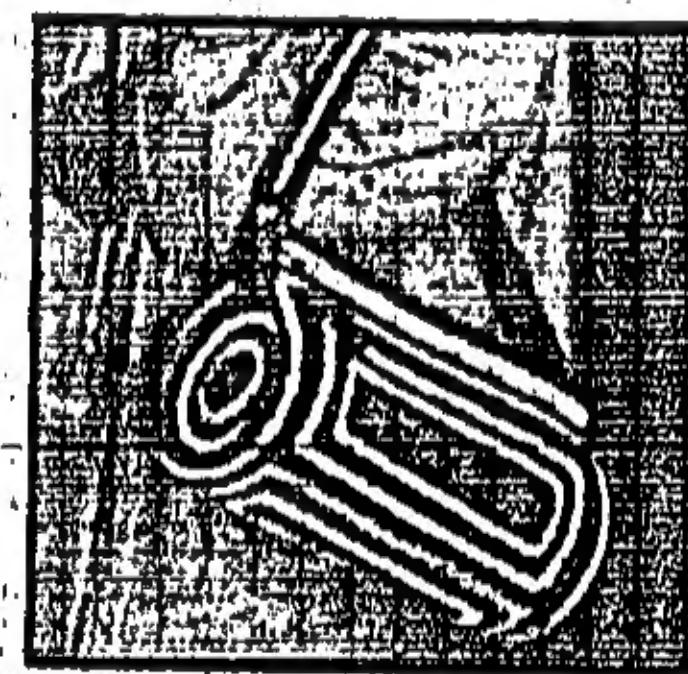
Fine Crust

"I have discovered that lard makes a very fine crust for pies," the Chef added. "It makes the texture very tender. Of course, for the real French pastry we use butter, or often vegetable shortenings."

"Lard is 100 percent fat," I commented, "so when it is used as shortening in place of butter, margarine or other fats, we need one-fourth less. And as lard is unsalted, twice the usual amount of salt should be added when shortening, breads, cake, cookies or piecrust."

"I have found that in deep fat frying with lard, it begins to smoke at a lower temperature than when I use the vegetable fats," said the Chef. "The ladies should watch this when they deep-fry with the lard, and test the temperature with a little cube of bread to find out when the lard is hot enough. We must not wait until it begins to smoke. This means the fat is burned."

BEADS AND BRASS



Handbags are in the fashion news again, among them this beaded "cylinder" bag seen being carried by a London visitor from New York. In Hongkong stores too, you can see this on sale.



Another transatlantic style was this sling bag in leather with its huge brass ornament—



—and this one at Wimbleton, saddle-stitched, with a gilt clasp.

RED RYDER



"This is true when heating any kind of fat for deep-frying," I added. "And last, but not least, lard is down in price, so we can afford to deep-fry some of our foods, and to lard up tender."

fourth. Cover closely and bake in a slow to moderate oven, 325 to 350 F., for about 2 hrs., or until the lamb is tender.

Savoury Rice

Melt 1 tbsp. butter or margarine in a heavy saucepan. Add 1 c. raw, unashed white or converted rice, and dry very slowly over a low heat until the rice is golden yellow. Stir constantly. Then add 1 pt. soup stock, or 2 c. boiling water and 2 bouillon cubes. Cover and slow-bake until liquid is absorbed, about 25 min.

Delicate White Cake

Into a mixing bowl measure $\frac{1}{4}$ c. lard, 1 c. sugar, $1\frac{1}{2}$ tbsp. lemon juice, and the grated rind $\frac{1}{4}$ lemon. Mix and cream together until the mixture is light and fluffy. Then sift together $\frac{1}{2}$ c. flour, 3 tsp. baking powder and $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. salt. Add alternately to the first mixture with $\frac{2}{3}$ c. milk. The batter will be quite stiff. Last, beat 3 egg whites stiff until they stand in peaks. Fold into the cake batter with an over-and-over motion. Then beat batter for 2 min.

Transfer to an oiled 8-in. square cake pan, or a $9\frac{1}{2}$ -in. tubed cake pan. Bake 40 to 45 min. in a moderate oven, 375 F., or until a toothpick, when inserted in the centre, comes out clean. Cool and cover with soft lemon icing.

Soft Lemon Icing: Dissolve 1 tsp. cornstarch in $\frac{1}{4}$ c. cold water. Add $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. salt, and cook and stir until boiling rapidly all over. Then add 1 tbsp. lemon juice. While still warm, stir in about $1\frac{1}{2}$ c. sifted confectioner's sugar, or enough to make the icing of the right consistency to spread. Keep it as soft as possible, as the cornstarch mixture will stiffen and give a firm, yet creamy consistency to the icing when it is cold.

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Dinners

Split Pea Soup, Croissants, Lamb and Vegetable Casserole, Sylvan Style Savory Rice, Scallions and Radishes, Delicate White Cake with Lemon Icing, Milk (Children), All Measurements Are Level, Recipes Serve Four

Lamb and Vegetable Casserole

Remove excess fat from 3 lb. breast of lamb, and cut the meat in pieces suitable for serving. Roll in 3 tbsp. flour, mixed with $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. salt, $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. pepper and $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. allspice. Next prepare the vegetables, which should include 1 (No. 2) can solid-pack tomatoes; 2 c. diced summer squash, or $\frac{1}{2}$ cups sliced peeled onions; 1 small peeled section garlic minced, and 2 c. peeled quartered carrots. Arrange for cooking as follows: Place the lamb and vegetables in alternating layers in a 2 qt. baking dish or casserole. Pour in water to fill the baking dish one-

inch deep.

Top with a layer of

potato

and cover with

cheese.

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WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



SPANISH BELLE—Carmen Franco, left, seldom-photographed daughter of General Francisco Franco of Spain, poses somewhat haughtily with the Marquises De Villaverde, standing, to whom she is reported engaged. With them are two other members of the Madrid society.



BIG BLAST—Streams of water being poured on flaming oil tanks in Louisville, Kentucky, after 23 gasoline storage tanks exploded. Twenty-three persons were injured in the blast, and company officials estimated that the damage would reach the \$500,000 mark.



FACIAL STUDIES—Small fry peer through a church window to get a glimpse of "Miss America of 1947," Barbara Jo Walker, as she smiles at her husband, Dr. John V. Hummel, following their marriage in Memphis, Tennessee.



BAD BREAK—Little Sally Moore of Sacramento hasn't heard that old adage about not crying over spilled milk. The story behind her pensive posture is seen in the ripped bag she's holding. The milk dropped out of the bag on Sally's way home from the store. But the cat thinks it's a good idea.



SING A SONG OF STRIKERS—Private primary school teachers sing a strike song composed during a demonstration when 700 of them sat all night in front of Shanghai's Bureau of Education. More than 10,000 students and teachers joined them the next morning. Among their demands was a \$10,000,000 loan for each teacher—Chinese inflation variety.



SWOONY—Amused by the brevity of the costume Hollywood designers dreamed up for her to wear in her latest film, blonde Adele Jergens shows how she can hide her costume behind its short, sheer skirt. No new look here!



ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL—Donald Lengach, 14, is revived by firemen of Chicago's inhalator squad as his mother kneels anxiously at his side. The fireman's face, wreathed in smiles, shows that Donald will be all right. The boy went into a gas-filled room to rescue his roller skates. Then a neighbour had to rescue him!

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O NE of the most treasured illusions of the people of these islands is the illusion that they are modest.

Even when they are slyly conveying the impression (though not openly boasting) that they are the finest people on earth, they are insisting in the same breath, that they are the most modest people on earth.

Although it is true that you never hear a distinguished British sailor, soldier or airman bragging of his achievements, this is also true of the distinguished sailors, soldiers and airmen of other countries.

It is true of all distinguished men all over the world. The greater the achievement the greater the humility.

The British people have never grasped this simple fact. They believe that modesty is an exclusive British virtue, and that all boasting is either done by foreigners or by British people who, for some unaccountable reason, have temporarily become "un-British."

The astonished visitor will also discover that the finest, and the most modest, British people live in different parts of the islands.

It will depend on where the astonished visitor is staying.

In England he will discover that the finest British people are the English. In Wales they are the Welsh. In Northern Ireland they are the Northern Irish.

In Scotland, where modesty is a national vice, they merely tell you there is nobody on earth like them. Unless you are just leaving the country it is best to agree.

The astonished visitor will also discover that England itself is divided into sections of the finest people on earth.

For instance, if he is in Yorkshire the finest Englishmen will be Yorkshires; if in Devon, Devonians.

In fact, the country is divided into 48 parts, or counties, all inhabited by people who are finer in every respect than the people living in the other counties.

They also compete with each other in modesty. Hence the songs of local patriotism like "Devon, glorious Devon," and "We've just come up from Somerset."

Most English counties, with the possible exception of Middlesex, are immortalized by songs of local patriotism.

Middlesex has been overlooked, not because the men of Middlesex are more or less patriotic, or more or less modest than men of other counties.

It is because it is quite impossible to write a song about Middlesex.

When you have been to (say) Ealing, in Middlesex, you will know why.

Cooking

ENGLISH cooking is one of those things foreigners find amusing so long as they don't have to eat it more than once. But to do us justice, our cooking was not too bad when we had anything to cook.

It is an artificial remedy which does not reach the real causes of housing and bad government.

That is to say, we could put a joint or a chicken into an oven and pull it out roughly at the right time. We could do much the same with vegetables, except that we often pulled them out too late, or too early.

As a foreign visitor staying at a good hotel you will probably never taste English cooking cooked by an Englishman, because all sensible hotel proprietors and restaurateurs won't let an Englishman near the kitchen unless it is to do the washing up.

The only place (apart from cabmen's shelters, carmen's pull-ups, roadside cafes, guest houses, and the Army) where Englishmen are allowed to cook is in railway restaurant cars.

Therefore, if you want to know something about English cooking, something you will remember all your life but may not keep down for five minutes, have a meal with British Railways.

And do try the coffee. It is said to be made with boiling water and burned matchsticks.

English cooking at its best is probably as good as any in the world.

At its worst it drives men to murder and suicide, gives them pains in the stomach and sleepless nights, and sometimes produces a morbid condition in the victim which causes him to eat nails and razor blades.

Now, thanks to the marvels of modern science, every little pub in every little village can become a hell of screeching radio, and frequently is.

The native wit is drowned by amplified music nobody listens to. Instead of the soft buzzing of rural voices you can hear nothing but hoarse shouts as they try to make themselves audible above the din.

WHILE CONGRESS argued whether to admit as many displaced persons into this vast country as Britain has since the war, thousands of aliens are entering the U.S. illegally. But most of them are Latin Americans and Orientals.

ANNE McCORMICK, the commentator, writing in the New York Times, says that partition between Britain and the U.S. would be "more disastrous than any partition in Palestine."

A GROUP of Red Indians has hit the trail for Washington to find somebody to make a Balfour Declaration for them.

Grounds of objection—it would give an overloaded police force additional duties they could not perform; children would have an added incentive for staying out late just because it would be illegal.

It is an artificial remedy which does not reach the real causes of housing and bad government.

I NEED PRACTICE IF I WANT TO BE A MANICURIST WHEN I GROW UP.

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MAY 27

NANCY Unknowing Guinea Pig



Can Tito keep his job?

Would you say that Tito's conduct is a sign of the transformation of a sponsored guerrilla leader, a completed Communist at last, or a return to his personal authority in Yugoslavia?

WHEN I saw Marshal Tito for the last time in his private train he was in robust health and smiled widely, the smile of a man sure of power and position, very different from the humber guerrilla leader of the Partisan wars.

Tito was wearing a white uniform, patent-leather riding boots, and gold epaulettes on his jacket and his hat had a gold-colored peak and a red star on the front.

The train was made up of a long line of Pullman cars. First and last coaches were reserved for his bodyguard, military band, and motorcars. Every compartment, luxuriously furnished with carpets, flowers, and telephone, had its own service of young girls, who acted as waitresses and maids.

The army and air force of the Yugoslav Republic, today numbering 500,000, has been developed from small guerrilla units, patterned on and equipped by the Red Army.

The dinner served there was the best I had eaten in Yugoslavia. And everything Tito said made it clear that he saw himself as the nation's man of destiny.

ARMY

Is Tito in position to back his authority with armed force, or is the army dominated by Moscow?

THE army and air force of the Yugoslav Republic, today numbering 500,000, has been developed from small guerrilla units, patterned on and equipped by the Red Army.

No serious revolt inside Tito's army is possible so long as political commissars—representatives of the Communist Party—remain in all units to watch over his troops from the generals downwards, and bring reliable.

A Russian officer is seconded to nearly every command in the Yugoslav Army, while a civilian expert is attached to every Yugoslav institution of importance. The behaviour of the Russians is not always brotherly, in spite of the much-vaunted Slav ties. The army is Tito's baby; his word is always law.

YES-MEN

How far have they been? (a) started (b) by his government (c) by members seeking to take a line independent of Moscow?

COMMUNIST organisation reached its perfection in the absolute control it exercised from the Federal Parliament.

Parliamentary deputies listen to set speeches and then vote "Yes" with machine-like precision.

One deputy, Professor Jovanovitch, leader of the Peasant Party, and for a long time a loyal ally of the Communist Party, decided to break this tradition. He protested that the Communists were imposing oppressive measures on the peasantry, and that they followed a dangerous foreign policy. I witnessed his expulsion from Parliament on July 20, 1948, to cries of "Down with the traitor!" "Down with the black reactionary!" from 300 obedient deputies. He was later sentenced to nine years' hard labour. Since Jovanovitch was arrested, no other deputy has dared to take an independent line.

POLICE

Executive submit to the secret police, now it is reinforced?

OZNA (the secret political police) has been from the start Tito's key weapon. It has held in check 16,000,000 Yugoslavs by an organization numbering 100,000 agents at home and abroad.

OZNA representatives infiltrated into every Ministry, every Yugoslav mission abroad, every office, and every block of flats. The further I went from Belgrade the more powerful they seemed to be.

Whether I wanted an identity card, to be registered for the elections, to get a key for my front door, or to leave Belgrade for 24 hours, there was only one answer: go and see OZNA.

Its members are young men. The only one more than 30 is 38-year-old Lieutenant General Alexander Rankovitch, now named as a traitor in the Cominform communiqué. Rankovitch is Supreme OZNA commander, better known as Minister of the Interior. He was an upholsterer in Belgrade before the war.

RULES

So the real decisions in Yugoslavia are made independently of Parliament. What is the ruling set-up?

A FEW hundred yards from the Yugoslav Parliament, in the broad Red Army Boulevard, stands a modern five-story building, the Madero Palace, headquarters of the Yugoslav Communist Party. It is from this building, and not from Parliament, that Yugoslavia has been ruled.

Officials of Madero are picked from the cream of Communist youth. No strangers are allowed into the building.

Djilas, 37-year-old Minister of Propaganda, who, once one of Stalin's closest friends, shares the Cominform displeasure, is the hub of the Communists.

I told Djilas that I sensed a state of siege in Yugoslavia. "That is correct," he said. "But our peaceful development must naturally be accompanied by some upheavals. The first task is to strengthen and consolidate the achievements of the liberation struggle."

By Ernie Bushmiller



Counsel Comments On Prison Detention Of Schoolboy

That it was a mistake to imprison a boy who was under 15 years of age was the opinion advanced by Mr A. J. Clifford in a mitigation plea at the Criminal Sessions this morning when a student pleaded guilty before Mr Justice Reynolds to demanding money with menaces.

Court Story Of Alleged Kidnapping

Man Stands Trial

The story of an alleged kidnapping of the son of the owner of a lime kiln at Lau Fau Shan village, Ping Shan, New Territories, on March 11 last was told by Mr A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, when Chan Tam-kam, 30, unemployed, appeared on trial before his Justice Gould (Acting Chief Justice) at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Chan was charged, with others not in custody, with kidnapping Siu Tak-hong; with uttering a letter demanding \$5,000 with menaces; and with demanding \$5,000 with menaces for Siu's release.

Mr Hooton, who is from Palestine, is appearing for the first time as Crown Prosecutor in the Supreme Court.

Det. Insp. D. H. Taylor was present for the Police.

The Jury empanelled included four women members.

THE ABDUCTION

Mr Hooton said that on the evening of March 11 Siu was working at his father's kiln when he was approached by a stranger who asked his way to the Ma Temple. At this time another man appeared with a gun in his hand which was pointed at Siu. Under threat of the pistol, Siu was marched away in the direction of the Temple, one man on either side of him. A short distance away they were joined by three other men and the party then proceeded towards the nearby hills.

It was not alleged that accused was one of the two strangers who first appeared, said Mr Hooton, but it was the Crown's allegation that he was one of the other three men who joined the original two abductors.

A rope was then put around Siu's neck and he was taken to a cave. Upon arrival, Siu was ordered to write a letter to his father to the effect that he was in danger, that a meeting was to be held to discuss ransom, that his father was not to report to the police and that if the money was not paid within three days it would go very hard with him (the captive). Siu was again taken away, after he had been blindfolded, to a house where he was kept a prisoner until March 23 when, due to his guard falling asleep, he escaped.

RANSOM NOTE

Going back to the morning after the alleged abduction, Mr Hooton said that Siu's mother was passing the kiln where she found an envelope nearby. She took it to her husband who found two notes inside. One was the letter written by their son and the other was from the kidnappers, demanding a ransom of \$5,000 which must be paid within three days. A place appointed for communication between Siu's father and the kidnappers was indicated, with instructions that only one person was to meet the abductors.

Siu's father then contacted his son's father-in-law and the latter went to the appointed place the next morning. Under a bridge were accused and another man, Mr Hooton said. There was some discussion and finally an offer of \$1,000 was made.

In the meantime, the Police who were pursuing other inquiries, detained accused on March 13. After he had been cautioned he made a statement and four days later when he was formally charged with the kidnapping he made another statement, which would be produced in evidence, Mr Hooton concluded. The trial is proceeding.

French Film Well Received

The King's Theatre had good houses at all performances yesterday when the triple international prize film, "La Symphonie Pastorale," started its two-day run. The 8.30 p.m. show was a gala affair, and HE the Governor and Lady Grantham attended.

The film, based on a story by Andre Gide, won the following prizes at the Cannes Festival last year: best French film, best screen actress (Michèle Morgan) and best screen music.

The story deals with the conflict of emotions engendered in a saintly pastor and a blind wif whom he befriends when the latter grows up and recovers her sight. For the benefit of those who do not understand French, English subtitles are provided.

COOKS WANTED FOR OUTBACK

Sydney, July 20.—The Grasler's Federal Council is asking for Italian immigrants as cooks on the big outback sheep and cattle stations.

The Council said today it would prefer Chinese but Immigration Minister Arthur Calwell would not

Cyclists Take Over Town



As townspeople watch from the relative safety of the sidewalk, three motorcyclists, whose sweaters read "Boozefighters Motorcycle Club," stop for a beer on one of Riverside's main streets. More than 2,000 cyclists, in town for racing at a nearby track, took over and rode wildly about the streets. Forty-eight were gaoled during the first two days of the July 4 holiday spree. —AP Picture.

Colony's New PRO

The Telegraph learns unofficially that Government has appointed Mr W. Gordon Harmon, who is acting British Consul in Peiping, as new Public Relations Officer in Hongkong.

Mr Harmon is expected to visit Hongkong this week to meet Mr K. W. Blackburne, CMG, OBE, Director of Information Services, Colonial Office, who arrives here during the weekend.

It is not known when Mr Harmon will take up his duties as Government PRO.

INADEQUATE FIRE APPLIANCES

Remarkings that in case of an accident defendant might have cost the lives of everyone on board, Mr Cairns fined a junk master \$200 or two months at the Marine Court this morning for failing to have the requisite fire fighting equipment and life saving apparatus on his junk.

Sub-Inspector Nippard reported that defendant had four fire extinguishers instead of five, 10 lifebelts instead of 16, and two lifebuoys instead of five. There were no passengers on board.

Defendant stated that his lifebelts had rotted, and one fire extinguisher was unfit for use. Asked by Mr Cairns whether he had taken any steps to have the belts renewed, defendant admitted he had not, but he would do so now.

"And in the meantime," remarked Mr Cairns, "if there had been an accident you might have cost the lives of everyone on board."

SIMILAR CASE

The crewman of a motor junk was fined \$75 or two weeks for a similar offence. There were no passengers but there was a crew of 20 and the lifebelts were inadequate in number.

Defendant stated that he had sent some of his lifebelts to be repaired. Mr Cairns said he should have replaced them with spare ones. It was also very important, Mr Cairns added, that the fire appliances should be in order. The lives of people depended on it.

Defendant had no right to be under way with anything less than the stipulated number of life saving apparatus.

LICENCE NOT PRODUCED

The master of a sampan was fined \$10 or two days for failing to produce his licence when called upon to do so. Sub-Inspector Nippard reported that a licence was produced some hours later, but was found to have expired at the end of last month. Defendant said the licence was kept at home.

Defendant said he wanted to return to Shanghai and he stole the property in order to get money for a passage. His uncle refused to give him any money.

Complainant, Chan Ming-shun, said he gave defendant money to go back to Shanghai several times, but on each occasion defendant spent it and refused to go back to Shanghai. Defendant also stole from him on several occasions.

Took Cigarettes Into Prison

For conveying 30 packets of Phillip Morris cigarettes into Stanley Prison, Henry Reyes, 18, warder No. 84, was sentenced to six months by Mr d'Almada at Central this morning.

Inspector Moran said defendant became a warder at Stanley in July 1946. At 10 p.m. last night, Principal Officer J. L. MacTavish paid a surprise visit to the prison and on searching defendant, found the cigarettes concealed in his stocking.

Mr d'Almada, in refusing to give defendant the option of a fine, said it was not the first of its kind.

allow Chinese entry into Australia under the White Australia policy.

At their 70th convention in Sydney, they suggested that the Italians take an army cooking course

in Australia, and a course in gardening, before going to the stations—United Press.

Berliners Disappointed By "More Food" Rumour

Berlin, July 20.—Berliners flocked to the city's Central Food Office today as soon as the news spread that the Russians had offered 100,000 tons of food for all four sectors of the German capital, the Soviet-licensed German news agency reported.

Most of them asked for potatoes, but the Food Office could tell them nothing as the Soviet authorities have not yet issued detailed orders, the agency said.

(Observers in Moscow today thought the Russians would start sending food by air almost at once, Reuters reported.)

An official British statement described the Soviet offer as "pure propaganda" and said Britain and the United States would continue to supply food to the Western Sector.

In London, the British, American and French representatives on the Committee which has been keeping a close watch on the German situation since the crisis broke out more than a month ago, today put the Russian move on their agenda as "a matter of first importance."

In Frankfurt, the three Western Military Governors, General Sir Brian Robertson, General Lucius Clay and General Pierre Koening, met the Premiers of the 11 Western German states to discuss their decisions to the "London Plan"—Reuter.

SOVIET REPORT

Berlin, July 20.—The Soviet-licensed German news agency reported tonight that the Russians have "established contact" today with the Central Kommandatura and the German Economic Commission to draft regulations of supplying "the entire population" of Berlin with food.

The plans will be announced in a few days, the agency said.

The agency quoted the Soviet Information Bureau as saying that arrangements have been made especially for the transportation and storage of perishable goods.

Provisions have also been made for the enlargement of the food distribution organisation of the Soviet sector, so that it could meet the requirements of the entire population of Berlin.

A responsible officer of the Central Kommandatura stated that food and milk would be made available according to the increased rations as decided upon by the Allied Kommandatura on June 16. These rations were the only valid ties for the population of Berlin, he said.

CLAY TO REPORT

Frankfurt, July 20.—General Lucius D. Clay, United States Military Governor in Germany, was on his way by air to Washington today for consultation on the Berlin crisis with State Department officials.

This move was decided on to pacify the growing clamour for action from the former Council employees and to deter them from holding demonstrations, it was learned.

According to a member of the Executive Committee, this is the last desperate resort which the Committee could hit upon to appease the growing number of members who are insisting on demonstrations.

THREE-YEAR WAIT

The foreign employees of the former International Settlement's governing body—the Shanghai Municipal Council—have been waiting for nearly three years for payment of their dues which China assumed through the Cairo Treaty, by which the foreign powers gave up their extraterritorial rights in China.

During the past few weeks, much correspondence has appeared on the subject in the local press; with most writers emphasising the point that Britain and the United States are still responsible for the payment of their dues.

Sporadic protest demonstrations have been held by former SMC employees during the past few years. Last year, angry groups of ex-SMC workers blockaded the British Consulate General for two days, vowing they would not leave the compound until guarantees were forthcoming that they would be paid their dues.

They were dispersed only by the personal intervention of Mayor K. C. Wu, who told them that Britain could not be held responsible, and that China, in taking over the settlement, had also taken over the Council's assets and liabilities.—Reuter.

Fatal First Flight

Paris, July 20.—The prototype of a giant French troop carrier designed to hold 134 passengers crashed on its first test flight near here today, killing all five occupants.—Reuter.

Mysterious Cairo Explosion

London, July 20.—As Cairo was again visited by "unidentified" aircraft today, Egyptian security forces were today investigating the explosion which killed four persons and injured 17 in the Egyptian capital last night.

Suggestions that it was caused by a land mine dropped from a plane were not confirmed, but the capital's air raid sirens sounded and ack-ack guns opened up an hour's intensive barrage within 15 minutes of the explosion.

Meanwhile, in the strife-torn Holy Land, fighting continued on several fronts in spite of the Security Council's determined order that all fighting should stop lest sanctions be imposed on the "aggressor."

Brigadier Giubb Pasha, British Commander of the crack Arab Legion, today toured front-line positions in the Judean Hills in view of Israeli forces only a few hundred yards away.

He inspected units in the Latrun area where the Legion commands the road between Jerusalem and Tel-Aviv, and saw Legion fortifications at Latrun, which were hit by 180 shells during a tank-supported attack one hour before the truce at the Jews tried to reopen the road.

A six-pounder gun on the roof of the fort knocked out one of the two Cromwell tanks reported to have

FRANCE SEEKING NEW PREMIER

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Roubert made up the Socialist delegation.

President Auriol was expected to try to find a Premier who could reunite the "third force" coalition of Popular Republicans, Socialists and Radical Socialists. Under Premier Schuman's leadership they had opposed the Communists on the left and General Charles de Gaulle's French People's Party on the right.

M. Andre Marle was mentioned as the candidate of the Radical Socialists. Former Premier Paul Reynaud, an independent Republican, figured also in the speculation.—Associated Press.

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DONALD FINLAY TO TAKE THE OLYMPIC OATH

Britain's Veteran Hurdles Champion Honoured

London, July 20.—Wing-Commander Donald Finlay, Great Britain's 40-year-old international hurdler, who will be competing in his third Olympiad, will take the oath on behalf of the 4,000 competitors at the opening of the Games here on July 29.

This is in conformity with tradition, as it is a member of the host nation who takes the oath which promises: "We swear that we will take part in the Olympic Games in loyal competition, respecting the regulations which govern them, and desirous of participating in them in the true spirit of sportsmanship for the honour of our country and the glory of sport."

Finlay will advance to the tribune carrying the flag of Britain, and around him, as he speaks, will be the standard bearers of all other countries.

Lord Burghley, Chairman of the Olympic Organising Committee, said the Olympic flame was now safely on its way up Italy on its journey to Wembley. He paid tribute to the Greek Government for the steps they took to ensure the safe passage of the Olympic Flame to the Greek Coast.

There is to be a ceremony in Lausanne at the tomb of Baron Pierre de Coubertin, the founder of the modern Olympiads, when the Flame reaches that Swiss city.—Reuter.

THE SUN COMES OUT

London, July 20.—Olympic athletes grooming for the world's biggest sports competition spurred their training today as chilly London warmed up.

After days of shivering in unseasonably low temperatures, a score of teams already assembled are taking advantage of a warm sun to flex anxious muscles.

Watching his track and field squad performing in bare arms for the first time yesterday, Argentine coach Francisco Mura said:

"The Argentinian boys are hopeful now that the sun is out. The rainy, cold weather of the last two days had depressed them."

It was typical comment as coaches piled in orders to the Olympic transportation pool to get their squads into action.

United States swimmers made the first splash in the Olympic pool at Wembley since it was drained the first week of the war in 1939. Meanwhile, there was good news from the box office.

NO FINANCIAL LOSS

Sir Arthur Elgin, managing director of Wembley Stadium where the first games will be staged, reported ticket sales had reached \$12,500—estimated cost of staging the events.

"Judging by the present demand for tickets," he said, "this amount will be considerably exceeded before the opening day, July 21."

More teams from the 62 competing nations are checking in every day. Delegations from Argentina, Bermuda, Chile, Iran, Jamaica, Lebanon, Switzerland and Uruguay are scheduled to arrive today.

There were fresh reports, however, that the 5,000 competitors originally expected might be reduced by several hundred.

An Associated Press dispatch from Prague said the Czechoslovakian team had been trimmed to 66, one third its previous force.—Associated Press.

AMERICANS DUE TODAY

London, July 20.—The huge United States Olympic contingent, expected to carry off the largest share of the gold medals, will set foot in Britain tomorrow with little more than a week, before King George VI declares the Games open, in which to become acclimated.

All over London, there are signs of the great Olympic invasion and the capital has started to put on its party dress.

Today, it was announced that 20 railway stations are to be decorated with flags and bunting and the main London termini will be bedecked. The thousands of Olympic athletes see little of the gay side, however, for they are all training in Olympic camps.

Food is still a major topic. There are fears that the black market may attempt to get hold of some of the surplus with which the camps are stocked, and with plentiful supplies by the British authorities, the athletes are finding their own special food superfluous, and not unnaturally they want to give it to the British public with its general shortage of food.

BLACK MARKET

Food is going out of the camps and the police want to prevent it becoming a serious leakage and to keep it out of the black market. If it goes to a British housewife or her children, no one will complain about that.

Sir Adolphe Abrahams, brother of the sprinter, Harold Abrahams, and chief athletic adviser to the British Olympic Association, does not believe special food makes the athlete.

He has come to the conclusion that a really great athlete is indifferent to what he eats. "If the great Paavo Nurmi had lived on grass and sawdust, he would still have been a great runner," he said.

Sir Adolphe believes in platable and generous meals, washed down with a glass of beer, or champagne for those who can afford it.—Reuter.

PAKISTANIS ARRIVE

London, July 20.—Twenty-three members of the Pakistan Olympic team—boxers, wrestlers and swimmers—arrived at London Airport today. Mr Mumtaz, the Pakistan education officer, and Olympic Attaché in London, gave them a letter of welcome from the Pakistan High Commissioner, Habbib Ibrahim Rahimtoola.

At the Uxbridge Olympic camp this morning, the 11 Iraqi basketball competitors raised their flag to join those of the other teams already

Joe Louis To Fight Gus Lesnevitch?

New York, July 20.—Nat Fleischer, the editor, said in a copyright article in the September issue of the "Ring" magazine that Joe Louis would come out of retirement to defend the heavyweight title against Gus Lesnevitch at the Yankee Stadium on September 22.

Mr Fleischer said that Louis had indicated that he was weakening in his retirement stand and was willing to appear for just one more fight.

Lesnevitch must first decisively beat Freddie Mills in London on July 26.

Louis was quoted as telling Mr Fleischer, "I can't go on from one round of golf to another. I shall have to look forward to something more exciting. Maybe I should meet Lesnevitch. I can beat him. I shall still be able to retire undefeated like Gene Tunner."

Sol Strauss, acting promoter of the 20th Century Sporting Club, insists no pressure is being brought to bear on Louis to reconsider his retirement.

Asked whether he had any indication from Louis that Louis was wavering in his original decision to retire, Mr Strauss said, "I can only say I think there is a possibility of a fight again."

Mr Strauss has September 22 at the Yankee Stadium reserved for a heavyweight fight which he says he hopes will be Lesnevitch vs. Louis.

"Joe Vella, Lesnevitch's manager, promised me Lesnevitch would fight Louis in September," Mr Strauss said. "In fact, if the Louis-Welch fight had been held as scheduled and had not been rained out, Lesnevitch would not have gone to London for the Mills fight."—Associated Press.

Lawn Bowls Championship Draw

First round matches in the Open Singles of the Colony Lawn Bowls Championship will be played from July 27 to July 29 and first round matches in the Open Doubles from August 3 to August 6.

The following is the draw:

OPEN SINGLES

	P	W	D	L	Pts
M. B. Hassan (28001) v. R. F. Phillips (2136)	1	0	0	1	0
T. A. Madar (25667) v. C. Dowman (Club de Recreio)	1	0	0	1	0
R. Phillips (32030) v. E. M. Alfonso (28016) at Kowloon Cricket Club	1	0	0	1	0
B. P. F. Marques (30208) v. W. Williamson (34177) at KBGC	1	0	0	1	0
A. H. Rumjahn (21012) v. S. S. Hussain (56001) at HKFC	1	0	0	1	0
K. M. Rumjahn (23001) v. J. Tindall (27017) at HKFC	1	0	0	1	0
A. V. Gosano (23053) v. W. Gaffney (58051) at KCC	1	0	0	1	0
J. H. O'Grady (27701) v. W. E. Field (22569) at CCC	1	0	0	1	0
M. J. Modina (26055) v. C. P. Basto (56249) at KBGC	1	0	0	1	0
L. S. da Silva (27083) v. E. C. Fincher (58818) at KBGC	1	0	0	1	0
C. S. Rosset (25536) v. A. M. Omar (KBGC)	1	0	0	1	0
E. J. R. Mitchell (32305) v. B. W. Bradbury (24677) at HKFC	1	0	0	1	0
A. K. Minu (28001) v. R. F. da Luz (28035) at CCC	1	0	0	1	0
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EUROPEAN SITUATION LIKELY TO HINDER U.S. AID TO CHINA

Washington, July 20.—Authoritative sources said today that Nationalist China faces an indefinite delay in obtaining United States arms to combat the Chinese Communists because of the worsening European situation.

Although Congress voted for China \$125,000,000 military aid with "no strings" attached, China still has the problem of finding a place to buy arms and equipment. Informed sources said the State Department set up a "priority" system to cover both China needs and possible shipments of arms to Western European countries which are parties to the Brussels pact. Thus the State Department may divert available arms and equipment to Europe if the crisis gets more critical.

Death Penalty Compromise Rejected

London, July 20.—The House of Lords, where the Conservatives are in a majority, tonight rejected a Government compromise proposal on hanging in Britain. This would have divided murder into two degrees, one carrying the death penalty and the other life imprisonment.

The voting was 99 to 19. It is expected in political quarters that the Government might now drop the clause and introduce it in another session as a separate Bill. This would prevent the holding up of a Bill which all parties agree contains many valuable judicial reforms. The Government, however, has not committed itself on this point.

Among the first degree murders would have been the murder of a policeman or prison official, a second degree murder, murder after rape, and systematic poisoning.

The Government compromised arose from the House of Lords' rejection of an earlier House of Commons proposal. This, passed on a free (non-party) vote against the Government's advice, would have suspended the death penalty altogether for murder for a test period of five years.

Lord Goddard, the Lord Chief Justice, said that if the Government's proposal became law, it would "reduce the Law of Britain to a laughing stock."—Reuter.

American Jet Fighters Land In England

Stornoway, Hebrides, July 20.—Sixteen United States jet fighters—P-80 "Shooting Stars"—landed for the first time in Great Britain tonight after their flight across the Atlantic from the United States.

The planes had "hopped" today from Iceland. The squadron will spend two or three days in England before leaving again for Wiesbaden, Germany.

The P-80s arrival came only a few days after several groups of B-29 Superfortress bombers had arrived in Britain, preparatory to "training flights over Germany."

The jet fighters had crossed the Atlantic between Iceland and this island airfield in the Outer Hebrides off the western coast of Scotland in one hour and 34 minutes. The planes are part of the same United States Strategic Air Command whose bomber force is at present already in Britain.

It is expected that the two types of aircraft will co-operate in training missions and tactical exercises over Germany in the next two weeks.—Reuter.

"Soak the Rich" Levy Move

Shanghai, July 21.—The City Government authorities have decided to enforce compulsory contributions to realise the balance of the city's CN\$8.5 million million "Soak the Rich" special levy, according to Chinese reports.

Up to the present, only about two million million dollars have been collected. The original deadline for achieving CN\$8.5 million million in collections was set by the Central Government as June 30. Fresh instructions are now being sought from the Central Government concerning the enforcement of the levy on a compulsory basis.—Reuter.

THAILAND AGAIN

Bangkok, July 20.—The Siamese Constituent Assembly, today agreed to change the country's name to Thailand. The change of name will take effect after the draft constitution has been approved by both Houses of Parliament.

This is the second time Siam's name has been changed. It was changed to Thailand before the war, but recognition of this name by world powers was withdrawn after the country joined Japan in the last war and declared war on Britain and the United States.—Reuter.

Informed sources said that in addition Chiang Kai-shek's chance of getting surplus arms is non-existent because the Army, Navy and Air Force no longer have any surplus. President Truman also ordered the United States armed forces not to declare any more equipment surplus in the future.

This means that any equipment the armed services might sell to China must come out of current stocks. Since the armed services would then have to replace such equipment they feel compelled to charge the Chinese Nationalists replacement value.

Informed sources said the Army and Air Force are reluctant to part with their equipment even on this basis because of the present cold war developments. Army sources said, "We must consider our own critical needs too."

CANT-SPARE EQUIPMENT

The sources said the Army and Air Force have already told the Chinese that they could not spare their equipment which the Chinese asked for in their long "shopping list." At the same time, the Army named a special group to help the Chinese contact private manufacturers to buy arms and equipment directly.

State Department officials said the Chinese have not yet completed any such private transaction, presumably because they still hope to get United States Government stocks at lower prices if possible.

Thus China has received to date only technical advice from the arms assistance programme. Progress has been made, however, in cutting through the red tape necessary before China can make a withdrawal from the fund, provided that China can locate goods or she can buy anything the Nationalist government wants. But the bill must be presented to the State Department in a prescribed form. This bookkeeping procedure was annoying negotiations until recently, but the authorities said the Chinese Ambassador, Dr Wellington Koo, and Chinese officials ironed out the difficulties.—United Press.

Empire Is Still A Big Influence

London, July 20.—Mr Robert Menzies, former Prime Minister of Australia, addressing an Empire Unity meeting here tonight, said:

"The world is not inconsiderably vexed by scoundrels or incommoded by curious pressure groups. Let us remember that as the British Empire is one group of nations, we are still the greatest pressure group in the world."

The audience of Peers and Members of Parliament heard him refer to the current controversy over Empire citizenship: "I understand someone believed that, in the future, we should be of different nationalities. I do not understand that. I hope to die in due course when I was born."

VOICE OF POWER

Describing Britain and the Commonwealth as a "positive brotherhood," Mr Menzies said: "I say a pest to those people who will discuss the British Empire as if it was some sort of friendly alliance which has lasted for some time and might, in the inscrutable wisdom of Providence, last a little longer.

"So long as this empire of ours is one unit and not eight or nine, then so long will its voice in the world be a voice of power; authority and persuasion."

He would not accept the idea that Britain was entering a "somewhat gentler age," and said that in the Empire they were in the "first robust flush of youth."

Of migration, Mr Menzies said:

"We must not do it in a dull way, not merely as people who see a loss here or a gain there, but as people who believe and who are determined that, wherever we may be in our various Dominions round the world, we are still British, one people owing one allegiance to one Crown, and are still determined come rain or come fine, to stand together until the crack of doom."

RIOTERS TO BE PUNISHED

Washington, July 20.—Egypt has promised to punish the persons who stoned to death Stephen Haas, Philadelphia businessman, in Cairo on Sunday.

The State Department announced today that assurances have been given by the Egyptian Premier Nkrumah Pasha.

State Department officials supported protests made to Nkrumah Pasha by Mr. Jefferson Patterson, American Minister in Cairo, by calling today on Anis Azer, Egyptian Minister in Washington, and discussing the matter.—Associated Press.

Commons Gifts To Ceylon's Parliament

London, July 20.—The Mace and Speaker's Chair, which the House of Commons is presenting to the Parliament of Ceylon are now in the hands of the manufacturers, Mr Philip Nock-Baker, Secretary for Commonwealth Relations, told the House of Commons today.

The date of their presentation, he said, had not yet been settled. It would be a matter for consultation with Ceylon.

"I am advised, however, that the gifts are unlikely to be completed before early next year," he added.

British Colonel Cleared Of Negligence Charges

London, July 20.—An Army court martial cleared Lt. Col. R. W. G. Stephens, former commander of an interrogation centre at Bad Nenndorf, Germany, today of charges of negligence in the treatment of internees.

Lt.-Col. Stephens, who is 40 and married, lives in London. He joined the Army in 1919 and rose from the ranks. During the Abyssinian war he served with a medical unit.

Lt.-Col. Stephens had pleaded not guilty to six charges of alleged negligence. These were that water was thrown into the cells of prisoners, prisoners were required to scrub their cells for excessive periods, prisoners had their clothing or part of it removed, were handcuffed back to back, made to stand naked before an open window and

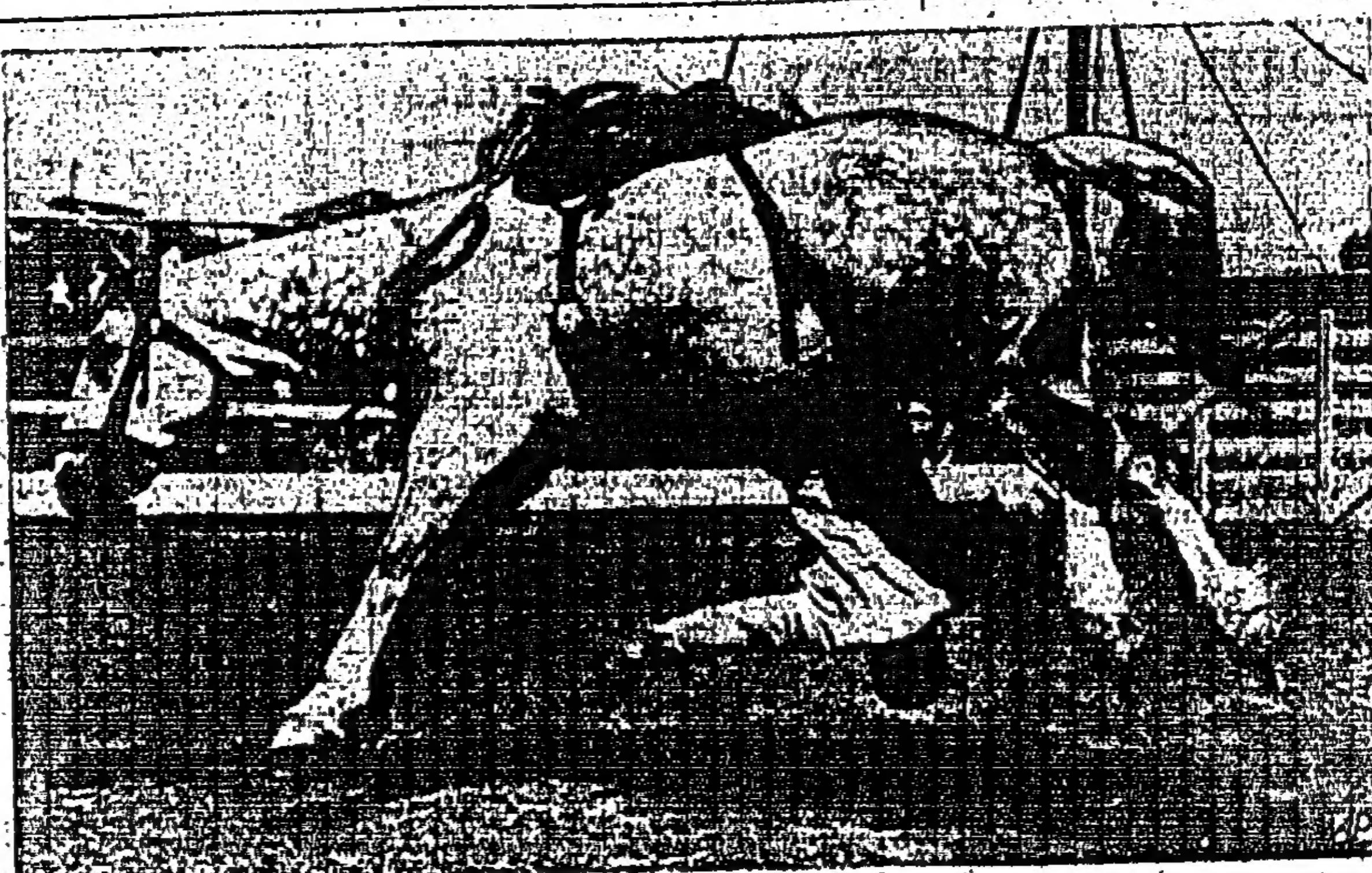
were subjected to physical violence.

During the hearing two charges of disgraceful conduct of a cruel kind were withdrawn with the court's consent.

Lt.-Col. Stephens was found not guilty of a charge that he ordered the handcuffing of a prisoner in an empty cell thereby causing undue hardship.

The court martial opened in Hanover, Germany, on June 8 and was transferred to London later. Much of the evidence was given in camera.—Associated Press.

Rider Caught In Stirrup



Journalists Watch Atomic Nuclei Being Generated

Harwell, Berkshire, July 20.—Sir John Cockcroft, Director of the Ministry of Supply atomic energy research station here, today told a press conference of Britain's two years' progress in building up atomic energy, including completion of two atomic piles.

"I hope there will be no headlines on atomic secrets disclosed for there will be none such," Sir John said.

He explained that much of what visiting correspondents would see and hear during the first public tour of this station would be on the borderline of secrecy.

"Research work in atomic energy includes much that is fundamental scientific work which is not secret, but other parts are technological and disclosure of information would help other countries build plants which could be used to produce atomic weapons," said Sir John.

DEVELOPING HEAT

Correspondents were conducted on a tour of this research station, located on a former Royal Air Force field.

One pile, known as "GLEEP" (Graphite Low Energy Experimental Pile), was open for inspection. Completed in August last year, Gleep was described as a "simple unit designed to develop 100 kilowatts of heat."

This pile is being used at present for measuring atomic nuclear properties and production of radioactive isotopes.

Sir John said the British staff employed in constructing this pile had acquired experience in Los Alamos and Berkeley, whilst others had helped to build the atomic energy plant at Chalk River, Canada.

He explained that this pile was purely experimental and from data obtained Britain had built another more powerful unit, which develops 1,000 kilowatts of power and can "bombard" 60 times as strongly as Gleep.

SECRET DETAILS

"Everything you see today is declassified, as the Americans say."

Committee Backs Disputed New Plane

London, July 20.—The Inquiry Committee recommended today that the British Overseas Airways Corporation use the much-criticised British-built Tudor II airliner.

The Committee's final report blamed the BOAC for changes in design that have delayed production and suggested methods by which it could be used on all BOAC Empire routes.

At the same time the Supply Ministry announced that flight tests with the Tudor II under tropical conditions had produced "unexpected and disappointing" results.

The Ministry said, "They showed that the particular aircraft tested required a distance for take off that would preclude commercial operation from certain existing airfields on Empire routes and that its range was less than had been expected. No estimate can yet be given of the time required to make it fit to go into service."

The Ministry emphasised that the preliminary results of the Tudor II trials had no bearing on the performance of the Tudor IV, "which is a proved airplane already in service with the British South American Airways."—United Press.

U.S. Conscription

Washington, July 20.—President Truman today issued a proclamation calling for men aged between 18 and 26 to start registering under the new conscription law on August 20.

Other groups will sign before mid-September, though the draft cannot start until September 22, 90 days after Mr. Truman signed the Selective Service Act, which conscripts men for 21 months' peacetime military training.—Reuter.

Congress May Start A Filibuster

Washington, July 20.—Republican leaders may plunge the special session of Congress into an immediate civil rights fight which could stop President Truman's anti-inflation programme, it was disclosed today.

The Acting Senate Republican leader, Kenneth S. Wherry of Nebraska, hinted broadly that the Republican strategy will call for touching off a filibuster by Southern Democrats as soon as the summer session starts.

Many Republicans who denounced President Truman's red list of the Congress as "cheap politics" already had suggested privately that such a course would serve two Republican ends: 1. Shut the Administration's demands for price controls and other economic legislation onto a deadened track. 2. Pour salt into the wounds of the Southerners who were already sent to disavow traditional Democratic allegiance because of the strong racial rights plank written into the party's national platform.

President Truman included civil rights in a nine-point legislative programme which he said he is calling the Congress back to enact. But the administration plan is for the Congress to give first priority to

legislation to curb high cost of living.

Responsible White House sources said that President Truman will appear personally before the joint session either on Monday or Tuesday and appeal for immediate application of price controls on meat. Then he will repeat his request for "standby" controls over other prices.

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